

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
GREENEVILLE DIVISION**

MICHAEL B. REED, *et. al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

No. 3:18-cv-00201

BRITTANY ADKINS, *et. al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

No. 3:18-cv-00310

BRITTANY N. HYRE ANCULLE, *et. al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

No. 3:18-cv-00308

JAMES CARL VANCE, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

No. 3:19-cv-00283

JACKIE SUE BARNES, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

No. 3:19-cv-00296

PAUL W. ABBOTT, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

No. 3:20-cv-00149

ALLSTATE FIRE AND CAS. INS. CO.,
et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

No. 3:19-cv-00474

AMERICAN RELIABLE INS. CO.,
et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

No. 3:19-cv-00469

STATE FARM FIRE & CAS. CO.,
et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

No. 3:19-cv-00470

UNITED SERVICES AUTOMOBILE
ASSOCIATION, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

No. 3:19-cv-00472

AUTO-OWNERS INS. CO., *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

No. 3:19-cv-00478

JOINT MOTION FOR STATUS CONFERENCE

The parties to the above-captioned actions request a status conference with the Court pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(a).¹

The Plaintiffs consist of individuals and insurance carriers who seek damages under the

¹ Scott Tegler, executor of the Estates of John C. Tegler and Marilyn F. Tegler, is a plaintiff in *Reed v. USA*, 3:18-cv-201. His counsel, Gordon Ball, did not respond to communication from counsel for the United States regarding Plaintiff Tegler's agreement to the motion for joint status conference.

Federal Tort Claims Act (“FTCA”), 28 U.S.C. § 1346(b), 2671, *et seq.*, for personal injuries and property damage allegedly caused by the Chimney Tops 2 Fire. Their claims were consolidated for resolution by this Court and ultimately stayed pending resolution of two different appeals to the Sixth Circuit. *See Amer. Reliable Ins. Co.*, No. 3:19-cv-00469, ECF No. 143 (ordering Clerk to “stay this action pending the resolution of these parties’ appeals and Individual Plaintiffs’ appeals” in *Abbott v. United States*, Nos. 22-5513, etc. (6th Cir. 2022)).

The Sixth Circuit has now resolved each of these appeals and remanded to this Court for further proceedings. *See* Oct. 10, 2023 mandate in *Abbott v. United States*, Nos. 22-5513, etc. (6th Cir. 2022); Sept. 19, 2024 mandate in *Amer. Reliable Ins. Co.*, Nos. 22-6014, etc. (6th Cir. 2022).

The parties, therefore, respectfully request the Court set a status conference to address the course of litigation in these actions on remand. If ordered by the Court in anticipation of a status conference, the parties are prepared to submit a joint proposal or, if the parties disagree, separate proposals regarding the scope and sequencing of litigation.

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